

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3 - 6 are presented for consideration. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to set forth the further step of positioning a vacuum on a side of the film opposite the hot air to draw the hot air through the film. Support for such amendment is found at least on page 20, lines 9 - 11 of Applicants' specification. No new matter has been added.

By way of the Office Action mailed February 18, 2010, claims 1, 3, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cree (US 2003/0022582) in view of Yamamoto (JP 03-030934), Patchell (US 3441638) and Hovis (US 4842794). Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to set forth the further step of positioning a vacuum on a side of the film opposite the hot air to draw the hot air through the film. The cited combination of references does not teach or suggest the further step of positioning a vacuum on a side of the film opposite the hot air to draw the hot air through the film. Yamamoto and Patchell are cited for teaching exposing a film to hot air.

However, there is no teaching in Yamamoto or Patchell of positioning a vacuum on a side of the film opposite the hot air to draw the hot air through the film. Because the cited combination does not teach or suggest all the features of claim 1 or claim 3, the cited combination does not render claim 1, 3, or the claims depending therefrom obvious in the sense of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morman'992 (US 5226992) in view of Cree, Yamamoto, Patchell, and Hovis. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to set forth the further step of positioning a vacuum on a side of the film opposite the hot air to draw the hot air through the film. The cited combination of references does not teach or suggest the further step of positioning a vacuum on a side of the film opposite the hot air to draw the hot air through the film. Yamamoto and Patchell are cited for teaching exposing a film to hot air. However, there is no teaching in Yamamoto or Patchell of positioning a vacuum on a side of the film opposite the hot air to draw the hot air through the film. Because the cited combination does not teach or suggest all the features of claim 1 or claim 3, the cited combination does not render claim 1, 3, or the claims depending therefrom obvious in the sense of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Favorable action thereon is respectfully requested.

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